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Prof. J. Lederberg
Department of Genetics,
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Palo Alto, California, U. S. A.

Dear Professor Lederberg:-

I thank you very much for your kind letter of September 11, 1964.

Now I have to tell you on my present situation. On July 1, 1964, I was relieved from the additional post of Professor in Faculty of Science, Osaka University, and was appointed Director of Research Institute of Molecular Genetics which was established in Medical School, Osaka University, in this year. Of course, I am still Professor in Department of Genetics, Medical School. So, I am cut connection with Dr. Y. Hirota outwardly, who is Lecturer in Faculty of Science. However, he is still working in the above-mentioned Institute of Molecular Genetics with Dr. A. Tsugita who was recently elected Professor in Biochemistry Division of the Institute. Dr. Hirota is now one of candidates of Professor in succession to my post in Faculty of Science. The present situation is thus very complicated.

We have already heard about the Jane Coffin Child Fund from several sources, and Prof. Tsugita applied a grant for it last year, and obtained a grant of about 33,000 dollars. He is applying a grant for the Fund continuously this year too. On one hand, very recently, Dr. Hirota could obtain a continuative grant from 1964 to 1965 (a total 4,100 dollars) from NIH. In addition to it, he could recently get a grant of about 3,500 dollars from Asahi-Shinbunsha for his study on episomes in bacteria.

Under such situations, we hesitate to apply a grant repeatedly for the Jane Coffin Child Fund at present. However, in case where some one in my group does it in near future, please support it strongly.

With our best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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